

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

Property Name: Williamsport Station Historic District Inventory Number: WA-I-399
Address: _____ Historic district: ☒ yes ☐ no
City: Williamsport Zip Code: 21795 County: Washington
USGS Quadrangle(s): Williamsport
Property Owner: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ Tax Map Number: 0056
Project: TEA-21 DOE Agency: Maryland Historical Trust
Agency Prepared By: Maryland Historical Trust
Preparer's Name: Nicole Diehlmann Date Prepared: 5/19/2004
Documentation is presented in: MIHP form WA-I-399

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☒ Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes ☐ no Listed: ☐ yes ☐ no

Site visit by MHT Staff ☒ yes ☐ no Name: Nicole A. Diehlmann Date: 10/28/2003

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Williamsport Station is located northwest of the Town of Williamsport along the west bank of Conococheague Creek northeast of the Potomac River. The area is linked to the Town of Williamsport by the Conococheague Bridge (WA-I-020), a 19th century stone arch bridge. The small industrial community seems to have developed along the Western Maryland Railroad which reached Williamsport by December 1873. At Williamsport, the Western Maryland Railroad provided direct access to the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal.

The Williamsport Station Historic District is comprised of 47 properties. Of the 47 properties, 35 contribute to the district and 12 do not contribute. The area is dominated by two industrial establishments: Garden State Tanning (formerly W.D. Byron and Sons Tannery established in 1897) and Redland Brick (formerly Victor Cushwa and Sons Brick Company established in 1896). Both establishments have a core of historic factory buildings constructed of brick surrounded by metal structures of a more recent vintage. North of the industrial complex along the railroad tracks stands a small frame train station.

South of the tannery along Fenton Street is a grouping of two-story, detached frame houses. They are typically two bays wide with front gable roofs. Along Clear Spring Road there is an eclectic grouping of late 19th and early 20th century detached houses.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

MHT Comments:

Nicole Diehlmann
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Peter Kurtze
Reviewer, National Register Program

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Date

6/14/04

Date

Most are three bays wide, two stories in height, and frame, with a few brick examples. The houses are simple in design, with little expression of architectural details. There is also a large brick commercial building with a mansard roof. It seems likely that these structures were constructed to serve and house workers at the factories.

The Williamsport Station Historic District is eligible under Criteria A and C. This small industrial community maintains its integrity of location, design, materials, setting and feeling. Despite the use of some synthetic replacement materials, poor maintenance, and the addition of new structures at the industrial sites, the district as a whole retains its late-19th to early-20th century architectural character. Williamsport Station is significant as a small industrial community in Western Maryland that developed in the late 19th century along dominant transportation corridors.

[Derived from MIHP form WA-I-399]

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEWEligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended Criteria: X A B X C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

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Contributing & Noncontributing Resources

District Name: Williamsport Station Historic District

Inventory Number: WA-I-399

Address	Contributing Resource?	Map	Parcel	Block	Lot	Inventory No.
	Noncontributing	0056	0003			
	Noncontributing	0056	0003			
	Noncontributing	0056	0005		305	
	Noncontributing	0056	0005		307	
	Noncontributing	0056	0006			
	Noncontributing	0056	0006			
	Noncontributing	0056	0006			
		0056	0037		21	
	Contributing	0056	0039		5	
	Contributing	0056	0111			
	Contributing	0056	0111			
	Contributing	0056	0425		12	
	Contributing	0056	0427		59 61	
	Contributing	0056	0465			
15706 CLEAR SPRING ROAD	Contributing	0056	0002			
15718 CLEAR SPRING ROAD	Noncontributing	0056	0004			
15800 CLEAR SPRING ROAD	Contributing	0056	0008			
15802 CLEAR SPRING ROAD	Contributing	0056	0009			
15804 CLEAR SPRING ROAD	Contributing	0056	0010			
15806 CLEAR SPRING ROAD	Contributing	0056	0303			
15808 CLEAR SPRING ROAD	Contributing	0056	0112			
15810 CLEAR SPRING ROAD	Contributing	0056	0011			
15812 CLEAR SPRING ROAD	Contributing	0056	0164		7	
15816 CLEAR SPRING ROAD	Contributing	0056	0013		5	
15818 CLEAR SPRING ROAD	Contributing	0056	0014		4	
15820 CLEAR SPRING ROAD	Contributing	0056	0015			
15822 CLEAR SPRING ROAD	Contributing	0056	0351			
15824 CLEAR SPRING ROAD	Contributing	0056	0033			
15826 CLEAR SPRING ROAD	Contributing	0056	0016			
163 N CONOCOCHEAGUE ST	Noncontributing	0561	0315			
223 N CONOCOCHEAGUE ST		0056	0012			
15701 FENTON AVE	Contributing	0056	0427			

Contributing & Noncontributing Resources

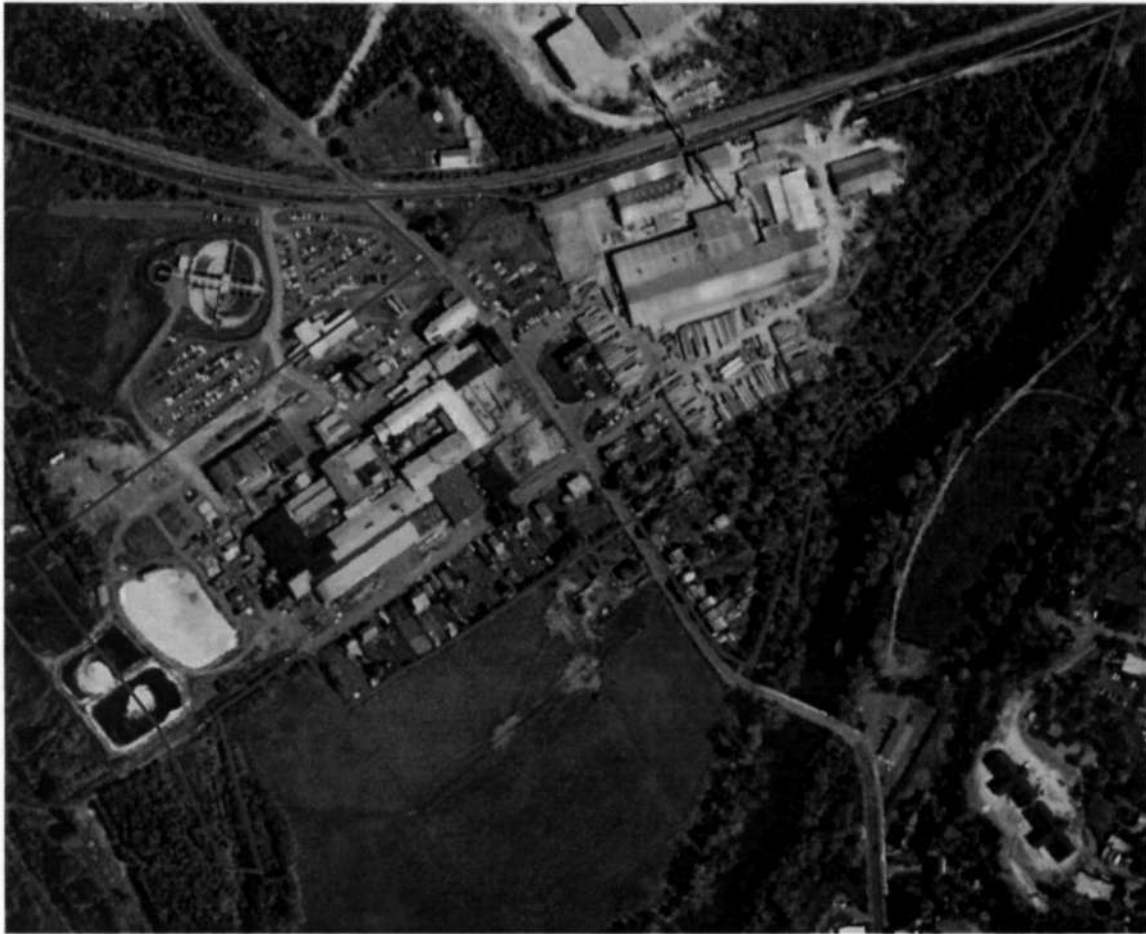
District Name: Williamsport Station Historic District

Inventory Number: WA-I-399

Address	Contributing Resource?	Map	Parcel	Block	Lot	Inventory No.
15707 FENTON AVE	Contributing	0056	0426			
15709 FENTON AVE	Contributing	0056	0425		13	
15711 FENTON AVE	Contributing	0056	0823			
15713 FENTON AVE	Contributing	0056	0777			
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15717 FENTON AVE	Contributing	0056	0040		8	
15719 FENTON AVE	Contributing	0056	0842			
15721 FENTON AVE	Contributing	0056	0837		6	
15723 FENTON AVE	Contributing	0056	0039		4	
15725 FENTON AVE	Noncontributing	0056	0038			
15727 FENTON AVE	Contributing	0056	0945			
15729 FENTON AVE	Contributing	0056	0036			
15733 FENTON AVE	Contributing	0056	0035			
15735 FENTON AVE	Contributing	0056	0034			
15737 FENTON AVE	Contributing	0056	0274			

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Williamsport Station Historic District
1993-94 Aerial Photo

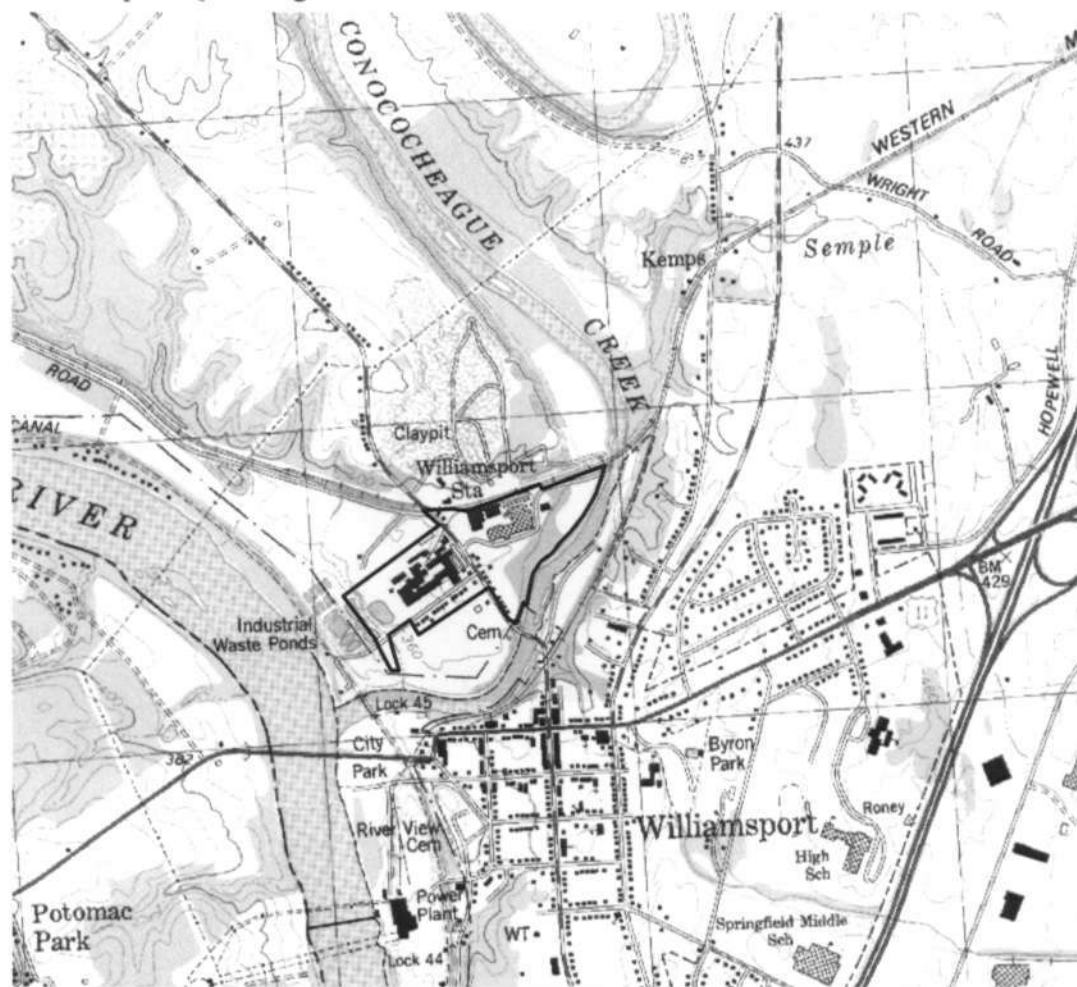


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Williamsport Station Historic District

Washington County

Williamsport Quadrangle





WA-1-399

Williamsport Station, PA

Washington County, MD

Nicole A. Lichtmann

10-29-2003

mt. St. W.

Store Southwest corner of above corner
of Fairbairn and Cherry-pine Road

#1 of 4



WA-1-399

Williamsport Station A.R.

Washington County, MD

Nicole A. Liebman

10-28-2023

MD SPPU

Fenton Avenue looking SW/S

#2 of 4



WA-1-399

Willamette Station H.S.

Washington County, OR

Nicole A. Lienhart

10-29-2002

ML SHPO

Clear Spring Road looking SE 1/4 from Fenton Ave.

#3 of 4



WA-1-399

Byron Tannery

Williamsport Station H.D.

Washington County, MD

Nicole A Diehlmann

5-27-2004

MD SHPO

Looking SSW from Clear Spring Road

#4 of 4

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: Williamsport Station					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: Route 68, Williamsport-Clear Spring Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Williamsport					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious			
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific			
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Multiple Owners					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Washington County Court House					
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Williamsport Station, for the purposes of this survey, is being treated as a district. It consists of a homogenous collection of late nineteenth and early twentieth century buildings associated with two industrial establishments, the W. D. Byron and Sons Tannery, established 1897 and the Victor Cushwa and Sons Brick Company, established 1896.

Williamsport Station lies just northwest of the Town of Williamsport on the west bank of the Conococheague Creek and north of the Potomac River. It appears to have developed along the Western Maryland Railroad now part of the Chessie System, which crosses the Conococheague Creek just north of Williamsport and runs westward along the Potomac. The area is dominated by the tannery and brickmaking companies, which are located on either side of the Williamsport-Clear Spring Road, Route 68.

The Byron Tannery, situated south of the road, consists of several large, three story brick factory buildings which extend around three sides of a two story, four bay structure, also of brick. Walls of the main buildings display common bond brick work with the wall surfaces broken at some elevations with simple brick pilasters. Segmentally arched windows and door heads are formed by double rows of header bricks. Many windows appear to have early or original glass in six over six, nine over six or nine over nine sashes. Roofs are variously hipped, gabled or flat with decorative trim ranging from brick corbeled cornice work to multi-level stepped gables.

North of the road is the Cushwa Brick Manufacturing Concern. It consists of low profile brick buildings, combined with modern sheet metal structures and a new colonial reproduction style building of brick, used for offices.

East of the industrial sites are numerous frame and brick two story dwellings along Route 68 and Fenton Street, which runs from the main road to the C & O Canal. The dwellings appear to be contemporary with the factories, possibly having provided housing for the workers.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | | <u>Late 19th</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>century industrial</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>neighborhood</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Williamsport Station is important for providing a visual record of a late nineteenth - early twentieth century industrial grouping made up of factories, housing facilities and small neighborhood businesses concentrated in a limited and well defined area. Williamsport Station has received relatively few intrusions or alterations, allowing it to appear much as it did earlier in this century.

The factory buildings located at Williamsport Station are important as examples of industrial architecture of the turn of the century. Factory buildings of this period are becoming rare and are worthy of recognition as relics of an era of great industrial growth. They also reflect architectural trends of the period.

According to Williams' History of Washington County, the Byron Tannery was established in 1897, while the Cushwa brick works was founded in 1896 under the name of Conococheague Brick and Earthenware Company. Prior to 1896, Victor Cushwa was a partner in a coal, cement and plaster business near this location. In early deeds involving the Byron Tannery, reference is made to the Fenton Sawmill which apparently stood near the present Williamsport Station. The area, because of its proximity to the Western Maryland Railroad and the C & O Canal, a major commercial transportation route during much of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, was a prime location for early industrial development.

It should be noted that Williamsport Station is adjacent to the historic C & O Canal National Park, as well as one of Washington County's surviving nineteenth century stone arched bridges.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records

Williams, Thomas J. C., History of Washington County, Vol. II,
Hagerstown, Maryland: Mail Publishing Company, 1906.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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SE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

July, 1975

STREET AND NUMBER:

Court House Annex

CITY OR TOWN:

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland

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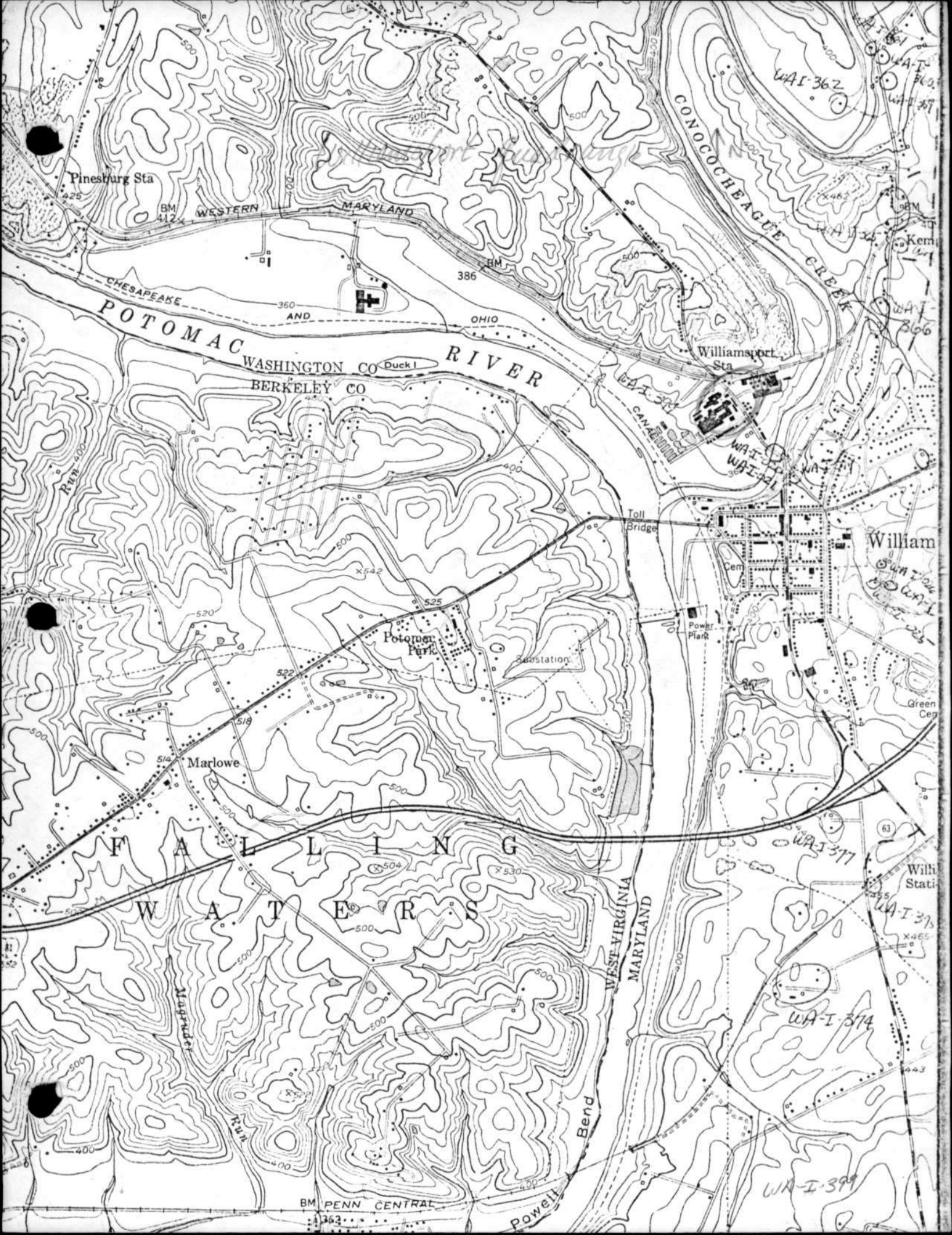
State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

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Cushman Snick yard, Lewis

April, 1975

PAULA STONER DICKEY
CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON CO.
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY



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S. E. View

April, 1915

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HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY



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Byron Tannery, S. view

April, 1975

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HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY



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Williamsport Station

Williamsport Station

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SE quadrant of intersection Md 68 & W.Md.R.R.

Keech / King

7-7-93

North west



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Williamsport Station

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SE quadrant of intersection Md 68 & W. Md. RR

Keech / King

7-7-93

southeast



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Williamsport Station

Williamsport Station

WA-J-399

SE quadrant of intersection Md 68 & W. Md. R.R.

Keech / King

7-7-93

Southwest



WA-1-399

Williamsport Station

Williamsport Station

WA-1-399

SE quadrant intersection Md 68 & W. Md. R.R.

Keech / King

7-7-93

Southwest

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gmeb

Survey No. WA

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

☐ Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
☐ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
☐ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
☒ Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

<input type="checkbox"/> Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Middle Woodland	500 B.C. - A.D. 900
<input type="checkbox"/> Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
<input type="checkbox"/> Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
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<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
<input type="checkbox"/> Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Period (<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> historic)	

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

☐ Subsistence
☐ Settlement
☐ Political
☐ Demographic
☐ Religion
☐ Technology
☐ Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

☐ Agriculture
☒ Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
☐ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
☐ Government/Law
☐ Military
☐ Religion
☐ Social/Educational/Cultural
☐ Transportation

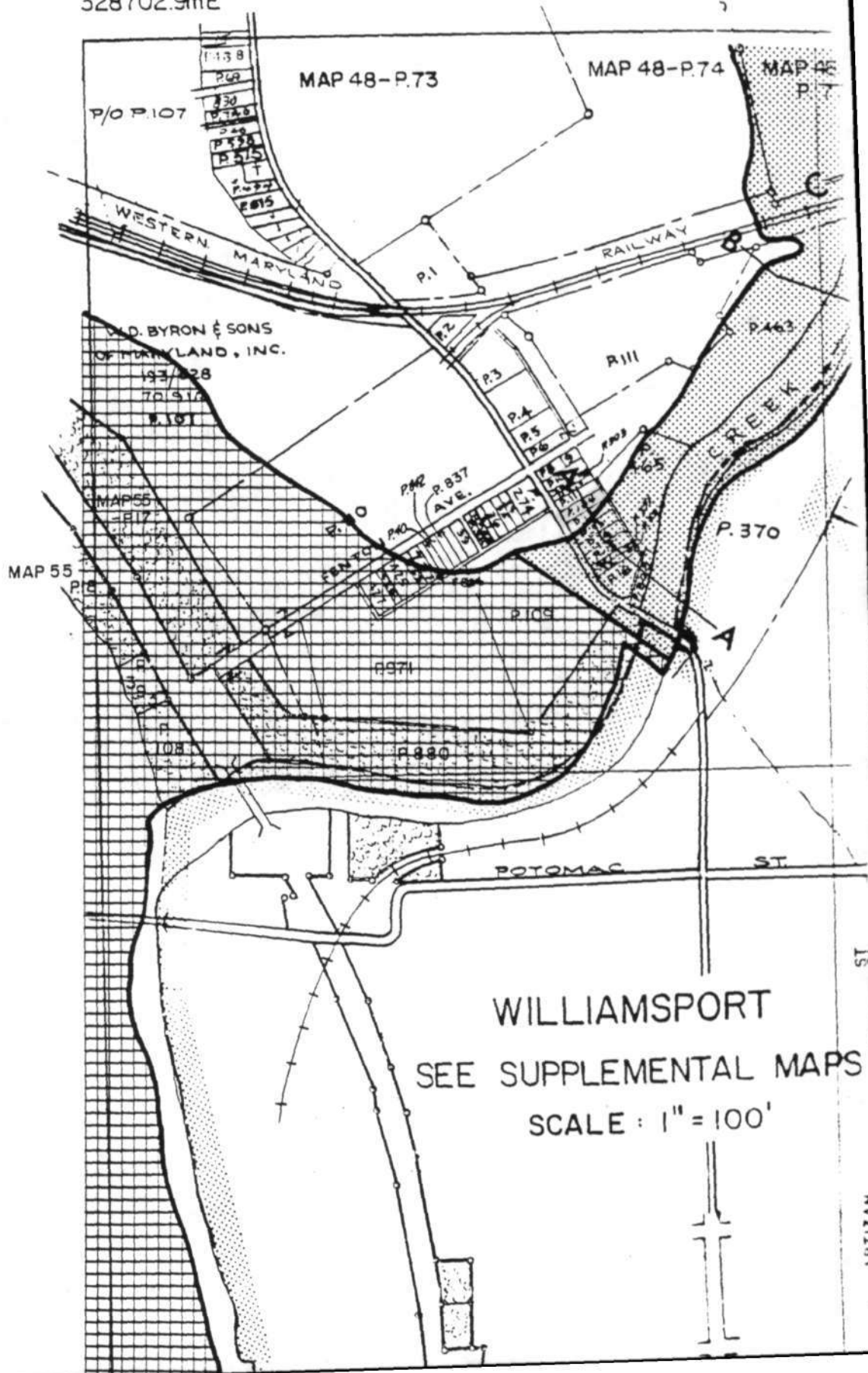
V. Resource Type:

Category: BuildingHistoric Environment: UrbanHistoric Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic-Single DwellingKnown Design Source: na

in district WA-I-399

15812 Charzpring Rd
Williamsport Station

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within WA-I-399

15812 Clear Spring Rd



within WA-I-399

15812 Clear Spring Rd



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15312 ClearSpring Rd

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within WA-I-399

15812 Clear Spring Rd.

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within WA-I-399

15312 Clear Spring Rd.

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within WA-I-399

15812 Clear Spring Rd.



6 28 '95

within WA-I-399

Shutscape
15812 Char Spring Rd.



within WA-T-399

Studscape
15812 Clear Spring Rd



within WA-I-399

Shutscape
15B/2 Clear Spring Rd.



within WA-I-399

Spurtscape
15312 Clear Spring Rd.



7.28'95

within WA-I-399

Stulscape
15312 Clear Spring Rd



128'95

within WA-I-399

Stutscape

15812 Char Spring Rd



728'95

within WA-I-399

Streetscape

15812 Clear Spring Rd

A black and white photograph of an industrial facility, identified as the W.D. Byron Plant. In the foreground, a chain-link fence runs across the frame. A white rectangular sign is attached to the fence, with the text "Welcome to Garden State Tanning W.D. BYRON PLANT MAIN ENTRANCE" and a black arrow pointing to the left. Behind the fence, there is a large, multi-story brick building with several windows and a set of stairs leading to an entrance. To the right of the brick building is a smaller, white, single-story structure. The area is overgrown with weeds and grass. A wooden retaining wall is visible in the lower foreground. The sky is overcast.

Welcome to
Garden State Tanning
W.D. BYRON PLANT
MAIN ENTRANCE
←

728'95

within WA-I-399

ShutScape
15812 Clear Spring Rd



within WA-I-399

Stutscape
15312 Clear Spring Rd.



728'95

within WA-I-399

Truttscape
15312 Char Spring Rd



within WA-I-399

Thutscope
15812 Clear Spring Rd.



within WA-I-399

Stutscape
15312 Chair Spring Rd



within WA-I-399

Spurtscape
15812 ClearSpring Rd



within WA-I-399

Stuetzcape

15312 ClearSpring
Rd



within WA-I-399

Stutscape

15812 Clear Spring Rd



7-28-95

within WA-I-399

Spetscape
15812 Clear Spring Rd



128'95

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Shutscape

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